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In re Application of

Schrott et al.

Serial No.: 09/306,510

Group Art Unit: 2635

Filed: May 7, 2000

Examiner: Vernal Brown

For: INTELLIGENT ANTITHEFT METHOD AND SYSTEM COMBINING MAGNETIC
TAGS AND SMART CARDSHonorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2003, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims.

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- 21. A system for preventing theft of an object, comprising:
an electronic article surveillance (EAS) device operatively attached to an object;
a security path for detection of said EAS device;
a reader operatively coupled to said security path;
a smart card for being read by said reader, said smart card containing an identification
profile of an authorized user of said object; and
a computer attached to said reader, said computer disabling a security gate if a person
entering said security path is authorized to remove said object,
wherein said EAS device continuously outputs a signal to said security path.

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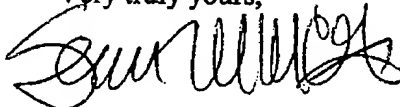
Re: Enclosed § 1.111 Amendment
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/306,510
Our Ref: YOR.072

Dear Examiner Brown:

Pursuant to our conversation on March 27, 2003, enclosed is the Amendment which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



Sean M. McGinn

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Washington, D.C. 20231**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

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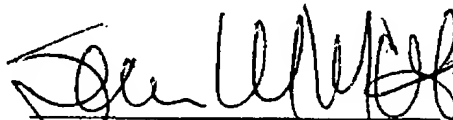
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 72.00

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Excess Claim Fee in the amount of \$72.00 and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date:

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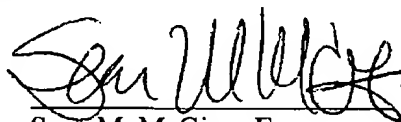
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I hereby certify that I am filing this Amendment by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to Examiner Vernal U. Brown, Group Art Unit 2635 at fax number (703) 308-6743 this 31st day of March, 2003.



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